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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Box Patent Application Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 04/24/00, Applicant submits the following remarks toward examination of the merits.

## REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction between Group I, claims 1-12, 31-36, drawn to a carrier, Group II, claims 13-30, drawn to a material for making a carrier, and Group III, claims 37-46, drawn to a method for making a copolymer. Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-12 and 31-36 for examination toward allowance without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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